

**Hopkinton Budget Committee
Town Hall
June 10, 2009**

Present: Patrice Gerseny – Chair, Cameron Ford, Marion Paxton, David Lancaster, Karen Irwin, Tom O'Donnell – HVP, Bob Carpenter – CVP, David Luneau – School Board, George Langwasser – Selectman.

Absent: Danny Coen

The meeting began at 6:35pm.

Review of Minutes – 5/13/09

After making changes, David Lancaster moved to accept the minutes as changed. Cameron Ford seconded. All were in favor of accepting the minutes with changes.

Update from Precincts

Hopkinton Village – Tom O'Donnell gave the Committee a brief financial statement. He also told the Committee that repainting has begun on the old fire house.

Contoocook Village – Bob Carpenter advised that is was business as usual. The collection of water fees are going well. The Precinct is currently ahead of expenses.

Update from School Board

David Luneau presented financial statements through April 30, 1009. He advised that Christopher Sousa has been hired as the principal at the Middle/High School and will start July 1, 2009. He replaces Steve Chamberlin who begins as the SAU Superintendent on July 1. Mr. Luneau spoke about the Grant Funding for the School Safe Routes and the Federal Grant for Special Needs.

Karen Irwin suggested adding Cash Flow to the Receipt Revenues. Mr. Luneau will look into it.

Review of 5/27/09 letter from Town Administrator

Chair Gerseny read the letter from Leon Keniston, Town Administrator, which addressed questions raised during the Budget meeting on May 13th. Karen Irwin reviewed the Landfill Grant and questioned when the town of Warner was scheduled to pay its' portion and if it is the same time as the state. Selectman Langwasser will check into it.

Update from Town

George Langwasser, Selectman, reviewed a Year to Date expense report. He advised that the town did not have to get a TAN and June should be a large month for receipts. Selectman Langwasser then reviewed the Capital Reserve report and responded to questions concerning the Community Center expenses. Selectman Langwasser further explained the Board of Selectmen will discuss preparing a very open RFP for the Community Center building at the June 22 meeting.

Selectman Langwasser announced the bridge on Route 127/Maple St. is now open, a few weeks earlier than anticipated. Because the Town agreed to close Route

127/Maple St. during the bridge construction, the State thru the firm will put in paving on Pine St. which suffered wear and tear. The deal was struck between the Board of Selectmen and the State. A re-naming of the bridge will be discussed at the June 22 meeting.

- Cameron Ford asked about the wells by the recycling center.

Selectman Langwasser advised the Board of Selectmen are discussing various possibilities. 1.4 Dioxane is the problem and the town is still buying water for the homes.

- Cameron Ford asked about town employees currently paid hourly who may qualify as an exempt employee.

Selectman Langwasser stated the Board of Selectmen has not taken the matter up, but will ask.

- Cameron Ford asked about the change from PT Fire Chief to FT Fire Chief.

Selectman Langwasser commented that it should be revenue neutral. The Building Inspector works 8 hours a week and is paid \$20.00 per hour. The fees collected should just about cover the salary.

Material/Information from Precincts, Town and School

Budget Committee members agreed the current information was okay for now, but reserve the option to have more information during the Budget season.

Scheduling future Budget Committee Meetings

The Committee decided to forego the July meeting. The Committee had a discussion concerning old business vs. new business. Selectman Langwasser advised the Board of Selectmen have long agendas and those items not addressed are placed on the next meeting agenda. Marion Paxton suggested adding action items to the agenda.

Other Information

A joint meeting of the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee has been scheduled for June 15th at 6:30 pm. Selectman Langwasser said he pushed for this meeting hoping to resolve the adversarial relationship between the two groups. The Town Attorney will not be present. The majority of the Budget Committee can attend.

Public Comment

Janet Krzyzaniak – Supports adding an old business section to the agenda. She commented that the reports, from the precincts, town and school, the Committee are now getting are more extensive than ever before. It seems at times the Committee is micro-managing.

Cameron Ford responded by saying he feels it's his responsibility to understand the Budget in order to make responsible decisions. His questions are so he can understand the amounts and not to micro-manage.

Respectfully Submitted,

Beth Clark